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Bala draws on over 30 years' experience in the ICT industry. He has been responsible for delivery of large telecommunication infrastructures to government departments and multinationals such as Telstra, Telecom NZ and Commonwealth Bank. Bala is a director and board advisor for many technology and education companies. He is also a former director of an ASX listed company. He is also the past chairman of IEEE Victorian Section and was awarded the IEEE Millennium Medal for outstanding contributions. Today, Bala remains a Senior Member of the IEEE.

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